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The Librarian of Congress Testifies Before Appropriations Subcommittee

Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin appeared before the Subcommittee on Legislative Appropriations of the U.S. House of Representatives on February 20. Dr. Boorstin appeared before the committee to speak in support of the budget request of the Library of Congress for fiscal year 1987. The Librarian's net request for fiscal 1987 is for $248.6 million.

The following is the text of The Librarian's statement to the subcommittee:

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee. I want to thank you for this opportunity to appear before this Committee to describe the needs of the Library of Congress for fiscal year 1987.

In the past on this occasion I have made a general statement and also filled in the outlines of our budgetary request with the figures for the several items. This morning, with the permission of the Committee, I will follow another procedure. Because of the urgencies, which will appear as I go on, I will devote my statement to the large circumstances which explain our budgetary request, the significance of what we are asking for, and the consequences of our requests being granted, or not being granted.

I must warn the Committee in advance that my statement, unlike all previous statements I have given to this friendly and generous Committee, will sound an alarm. It is not, however, because I am an alarmist—whom the dictionary describes as "a person who habitually spreads alarming rumors, exaggerated reports of danger, etc." Quite the contrary. The Library of Congress has, I hope, acquired a reputation for honesty and conservatism in its requests to this Committee, and in its projections for the future. This

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Ruth Ann Stewart Is Appointed Assistant Librarian For National Programs

Ruth Ann Stewart

Ruth Ann Stewart has been appointed Assistant Librarian for National Programs for the Library of Congress, effective April 14, Librarian Daniel J. Boorstin has announced. Ms. Stewart, who is Associate Director for External Services of the New York Public Library, succeeds Carol A. Nemeyer, who resigned last May.

Ms. Stewart will be responsible for eight divisions and programs and will be chair designate of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee. Among the activities she will supervise is the national program for Library Services to the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Begun in 1897 with 200 braille books, this service now provides braille, Talking Book cassettes, and other materials to more than 800,000 visually and physically handicapped Americans annually, operating through regional centers.

The American Folklife Center, another national program, was created by act of Congress in 1976 to "preserve and present American folklife" through programs of research, documentation, archival preservation, exhibitions, publications, and other activities involving the folk cultural traditions of the United States.

Also reporting to the Assistant Librarian for National

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Law Library Film Receives Award

Craig D'Ooge, Information Office (right), and Roberta Shaffer, Law Library, accept award from John Irwin, president of CINE.

"Legacy of Law," a 12-minute film introduction to the services and collections of the Law Library, has been awarded a CINE Golden Eagle Award. The film was sponsored by Mead Data Central and produced by the Law Library and the Information Office of the Library of Congress.

In addition to recognizing excellence in production, a CINE (Council on International Nontheatrical Events) award makes the film eligible to be submitted for other international film festivals and competitions.

"Legacy of Law" is now available by mail from the Library of Congress, Information Office, Box A, Washington, DC 20540. The price is $25 for VHS or Beta video and $100 for 16mm film, plus $2 shipping ($6 foreign).

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Committee has always been sympathetic, and even generous, to the Library, and I like to think this is in part at least because we have done our bit, never asked for what we did not need, and always shared with your helpful staff suggestions as to how our requests might be prudently pared.

But this is not just another budget year. The situation of your, of our Library is serious, it is even dangerous, and could become tragic for our nation, the Congress, and the whole world of learning. I would be failing in my oath of office if I did not take this opportunity to sound the alarm, and inform the Committee as clearly and as honestly as I can of what is happening to your great Library, and what will happen if this Committee—the only agency of our government with the power to act—does not act promptly.

Only fifteen months from now, during fiscal year 1987, the nation will begin to celebrate the Bicentenary of our Constitution. Exactly 199 years ago, the Americans of the former colonies were selecting their delegates to the Constitutional Convention which opened with a quorum in Philadelphia on May 25, 1787. The most recent Library of Congress Building was built by the Congress as a monument to James Madison, the leading chronicler of that meeting, and a principal architect of the Constitution. So that building, all the Library of Congress, our collections, our staff—are dedicated to the proposition that free government is based on free, copious, and current access to knowledge. It would be a historic irony—the only analogy I can think of is the burning of the ancient Library of Alexandria in Egypt—if the Congress should choose this anniversary to direct and promote the disintegration of this great institution.

The greatest of republics has been served by the greatest of the world's libraries. But this will not continue to be possible, unless the Congress takes measures to repair the damage done and to be done by the vast and unprecedented cuts in the Library's budget. As the Librarian who has had a most cordial and respectful relation to this Committee, I cannot help communicating to the Committee some bafflement, sadness and dismay from my colleagues at the Library, that the Library should have been singled out for a double dose of cuts this year, while some other libraries within the government have had their appropriations modestly increased. As this Committee is aware, our regular budget for the current year had been cut by $8.4 million below that for the previous year even before current Gramm-Rudman-Hollings brought this cut to a total of more than $18 million.

Let me summarize the general consequences of these cuts, which foreshadow a tragic future ahead of us. Never before in peacetime have the following consequences ensued:

(1) The nation's library will cease collecting needed current material.

(2) Doors to the nation's library will be closed for lack of funds to provide normal security.

(3) Hours of service will be curtailed, closing on Sundays and holidays, and all evenings except Wednesdays, making the Library's services and resources inaccessible to any person who must hold down a regular job.

(4) Materials acquired will remain uncataloged and hence inaccessible.

(5) Materials deteriorating for lack of treatment will not be preserved.

These are only a few of the disastrous consequences for the Congress, the nation, and the world of learning. This damage is accelerating, and to a considerable extent will be irreparable. These steps are abhorrent to us as citizens of a democratic nation. But I can assure you that we have spent more hours than I can count in meetings of our Library's staff devoted, not as I would have hoped, to discovering ways to be more serviceable to the Congress and to the nation, and to find rational and deliberate ways to secure economies—but rather to figure out how to meet the sudden demand for a Proscrustes cut in each of our appropriations by an arbitrary percentage. How to find the least damaging ways to obey the the law? The morale of our staff inevitably suffers, not only from the need to dismiss some of our ablest people, but from the feeling that the excellence of this institution and its services goes unrecognized and unrewarded. We have become the bewildered victims of a mysterious numbers-game.

This is then a time of crisis in your library, in Congress' library, in the nation's library. Yet for our nation and the world, these are the times that try men's minds, that tax our consciousness, our resources of wisdom, knowledge, and information. Threats from without and problems within demand every shred of the most ancient wisdom and the most recent information—to cope with the challenges of a nuclear war, to seize the opportunities of unprecedented technological progress, to enrich the resources of freedom. We, the greatest library on earth serving the greatest republic, are needed as never before by an imprisoned humanity. For many—perhaps most—peoples of the earth, those behind the Iron Curtain and in other enslaved nations, this Library remains the only place where they can freely learn about themselves.

This crisis has not been created by the Library of Congress. Our nation's library remains respected and envied world-wide. The crisis has not been created by inexpertise, neglect, waste, indolence, or dishonesty in the Library of Congress. It has been created by the

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Congress, the same institution and the same people who have built this great Library, and to whom it belongs before all others.

If the announced budgetary policy is pursued for the Library of Congress, the nation's library—your main resource of knowledge and information—will quickly deteriorate. It has taken two centuries to build this institution. It can be disintegrated in a decade and destroyed in two decades. And so it will be unless the fiscal policy toward the Library is repaired and reversed.

This greatest Library on earth—a monument to our Founders' faith in knowledge, a byproduct of our nation's faith in freedom of inquiry, will become a byword and a symbol of a nation's lack of faith in itself, a symptom of a nation in terror and decline. Historians will not fail to note that a people who could spend $300 billion on their defense would not spend $18 million on their knowledge—and could not even keep their libraries open in the evening. Historians will look with amazement and incredulity at a nation that could once afford to build grand structures bearing the names of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Madison—all lovers and champions of knowledge—yet decided it could no longer afford to acquire as effectively and abundantly as possible, the current sources of knowledge. They will recall the last epoch of the Roman Empire when Romans were so fearful of the barbarians that they imitated the barbarians. These are not the priorities of civilization and freedom.

The two large retreats mandated on us by the Congress are both antidemocratic and antiknowledge. How can we justify or explain this to our people or to the world? Dare we say, simply, that our nation, perhaps the first nation on earth explicitly founded on knowledge, is now ready to disintegrate and destroy its own foundations. Knowledge is not a rock that we inherit from the geologic past, it is a living growing organism constantly in need of nourishment and renewal—the special task of your Library of Congress.

The disaster which I describe, the shame which will come on this nation if the Congress pursues a policy of disintegrating its library, can be averted only if this Committee restores in our 1987 budget the cuts made in 1986, and keeps your library thriving and growing, to keep pace with the progress of knowledge and the need for information. Of course, it is within the power of Congress to proceed as it wishes. But it is my sworn duty under the Constitution to alert the Congress to what it is doing, and use all my efforts to save the Congress and all of us from a historic disaster.

The Congress has become understandably suspicious of all claims for priority on our nation's public resources. We have been told that the "government" should only take on what the "government" can afford. But I would respectfully suggest that the "government" can afford nothing, not one bomber or aircraft carrier. It is the American people who can or cannot afford. And the Congress determines the priorities in expending what they provide. The fact that some claims of priority are ill-founded or bizarre does not mean that there are no priorities. The fact that "special interests" seek improper special consideration does not mean that there are no rational or patriotic priorities. Among these, alongside our nation's defense we must put our nation's knowledge. An ignorant nation, an incompletely informed Congress will not have the power to defend itself. Nor can a nation that undervalues knowledge hope to remain free.

I beg this Committee to recognize that knowledge is not simply another commodity. On the contrary. Knowledge is never used up, it increases by diffusion, and grows by dispersion. Knowledge and Information cannot be quantitatively assessed, as a percentage of the GNP. Any willful cut in our resources of knowledge is an act of self-destruction.

I said at the outset that I am not an alarmist, but an honest person sounding the alarm. We have seen many groups march on Washington—farmers, advocates of school prayer, and many others—all witness to the constitutional freedom of all of us to petition our representatives in Congress. The strength—and the weakness—of the cause which I espouse on behalf of the Congress' Library and the World of Learning is precisely that we do not speak for any special interest or any one party or opinion. The cause of knowledge is the most general of all interests for a free people. The beneficiaries of knowledge, of the information supplied to Congress and the free explorers of knowledge, are everywhere. Their largest numbers are still unborn. We will fail in our duty to our posterity if we do not hand on to them the fully stocked, properly organized treasure of wisdom of the past which it has taken us two centuries to accumulate.

As a servant of the Congress, I beg this Committee to do what it can to repair the damage being done by budgetary cuts. To restore your great resource of knowledge, your Library, to its stature, its progress, and its promise. My eloquent predecessor, during the last World War, described the Library of Congress as a Fortress of Freedom. There can be no more accurate description of our proper role, and the priority that your Committee should help restore.

March 3, 1986

STAFF NEWS

"Name That System" Contest

Processing Services and the Automated Systems Office are working toward a new automated acquisitions system that will replace LOIS (the Library Order Information System) in the Library of Congress and support the full range of acquisitions needs.

Library of Congress employees are invited to participate in a contest to name the new system.

The winner will receive a modest prize in addition to having the satisfaction of naming one of the Library's systems, to be a part of the constellation with MUMS, SCORPIO, APIF, PREMARC and others.

The rules are: (1) all Library of Congress employees are eligible to submit a name; (2) the name must be in good taste; (3) the name must have eight letters or less; (4) the name may or may not be an acronym for a full name of several words; (5) individuals may submit more than one entry.

Entry forms are part of the announcement for the contest and will be posted on bulletin boards. The contest will close on March 21. Processing Services will complete the judging of entries and announce the winner by April 18.

March Specials in the Cafeteria

March is National Nutrition Month and the Library's cafeteria and snack bar will be celebrating with a variety of special promotions and giveaways. ARA Services, the Library's food service contractor, has unveiled a national program under the "Treat Yourself Right" theme to advertise especially nutritious menu items.

ARA general manager Andrew Whiley says a limited number of gym bags and other fitness-related items will be given away and special food items marked with the "Treat Yourself Right" message.

A Valentine Who Cares

On Valentine's morning, Riley, a tuxedo cat, sat cold and shivering outside the Madison Building. Along came his Valentines in the persons of Charlene Woody, Automated Systems Office, and Tahar Ahmedouamar, Law Library. The black and white kitten with a red identification tag made immediate friends. Inside Ms. Woody's office, Riley charmed everyone as the staff tried to contact his owners. Unable to reach them and unable to keep Riley for the weekend, Ms. Woody sent him to her vet and left word at Riley's Capitol Hill home just where he would be spending the night. Late that evening, his owners phoned to thank Ms. Woody and went early on Saturday morning to bring him home.

Reminder to Retired Staff Members

Don't forget to join the Library of Congress Professional Association this year! For only $3 you will receive the *LCPA Newsletter* and the *LCPA Broadside,* providing an enjoyable way to stay in touch with LCPA activities at the Library. To join, send a check or money order for $3, made out to "LCPA," to David M. Green, Serial Record Division, Processing Services, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Think Summer

As we are in the grip of Old Man Winter, the writer of this article believes that the mere mention of softball—future and past—might make some of us just a little warmer.

The Library of Congress Welfare and Recreation Association Coed Softball League commissioner, James V. Green, expects a greater turnout this year than in 1985 of Library staff members wishing to participate in league play. Mr. Green anticipates an expansion of from two to four additional teams for the 1986 season to play again at Amidon School, 4th and G Sts., S.W. The fields are very accessible and the league will furnish umpires for each game. Early practices will begin in late April with the official first ball being tossed in May. Anyone interested in playing or organizing a team is urged to call Mr. Green at ext. 78080.

Last year, the Library's Welfare and Recreation Association Coed Softball League had an extremely successful season. Although the league has been reduced to just four full teams, competition remained keen among the participating teams. The league consists of teams from Central Services, Catalog Management and Publications, Preservation Microfilming, and the Federal Research Division. The League enjoyed play—usually playing two games a week—on their own designated fields during 1985, from July through August, with a full complement of umpires for all games.

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The Catalog Connection team went undefeated in league play, thus winning the league championship. Central Services won second place, while Preservation Microfilming finished third, and Federal Research Division wound up fourth. The majority of the game scores during the season were very close, reflecting the balanced competition within the league. Tournament play in August, however, produced surprising results among the four teams. Regular season champ Catalog Connection was upset in the second round of tournament play by a tough team representing Preservation Microfilming, led by its coach Warren Heine. Central Services surprised everybody in tournament play with the timely hitting of John Richardson, Richard Betts, Randy Scott, and Agnes Walker; along with super defense supplied by Shawn Walker, Lafayette Johnson, and all-star pitcher James Glover, Sr., to sweep the tournament title in unprecedented undefeated fashion.

The highlight of the season came on October 16 when the awards presentations were made. Master of ceremonies was James V. Green, with presentations of trophies and awards made by Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh.

Members of the league championship team, Catalog Connection, were: Gwen Bailey, Harold Brooks, Willie Brown, Lyndon Derowen, Pam Emery, Al Fisher, Greg Harley, David Lomita, Diana Marchbanks, Janet Perry, Al Wallace, Lou Washington, and coach Julius Wilson. Those receiving trophies for the tournament championship team from Central Services were: Geraldine Robinson, Stephanie Williams, Jane Robinson, Dewayne Williams, Sheryle Shears, Agnes Walker, Willie L.A. Jones, John Richardson, James Glover, Sr., James Glover, Jr., Richard Betts, Randy Scott, Lamont Ware, Jeffrey Perry, Rodney Stevenson, Shawn Walker, and Lafayette Johnson.

The awards ceremony also produced several special awards. Al Wallace, Diane Nester, Agnes Walker, and James Glover, Sr., were selected to receive the league's Most Valuable Players awards. Willie L.A. Jones and Julius Wilson were chosen co-coaches for the year, and for outstanding performance in the league and in their communities, John Richardson and Harold Brooks received the league's Outstanding Player awards. Of special note was the presentation by Commissioner Green to Deputy Librarian Welsh of an Honorary League Championship trophy.

Members of the league executive committee for the 1985 season were James V. Green, commissioner; and Erma Wall and Sheryle Shears, executive production coordinators.

—James V. Green

Fred B. Oxtoby Dies

Fred B. Oxtoby, former descriptive cataloger in the Descriptive Cataloging Division of the Library of Congress, died at his home in Washington, D.C., on January 1. He is survived by a brother Robert B. Oxtoby and his family, of Springfield, Ill., Lillian R. Oxtoby, the widow of his brother Toby, and their sons John and Kenneth Oxtoby, all of New York City.

Born on March 13, 1918, in Huron, S. Dak., Mr. Oxtoby graduated from Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., in 1939 with an A.B. degree. He then attended the University of Illinois, Urbana, for studies in library science, earning a B.S. in library science in 1940 and an A.M. in library science in 1947. Mr. Oxtoby joined the U.S. Army in December 1941 and served until October 1946, at which time he held the rank of captain, Adjutant General's Office.

Mr. Oxtoby had a long and distinguished career in cataloging before retiring from the Library of Congress in 1981. He was a cataloger at the University of Illinois Library 1946–1948, and head cataloger and instructor at Illinois Institute of Technology Library from September 1948 until October 1962 when the Illinois Institute of Technology Library became the Student Services Division of the John Crerar Library. From October 1962 to December 1963 he served as chief of the Acquisitions Department and then chief of the Catalog Department of John Crerar Library until he resigned in November 1966 to accept a position at the Library of Congress. In February 1967 he became a descriptive cataloger in the English Language Section of the Descriptive Cataloging Division.

During the part of his career in institutions specializing in science and technology, Mr. Oxtoby was very active in the Special Libraries Association; he regularly attended meetings and held a number of responsible positions on committees during his long association with this professional organization.

Mr. Oxtoby's career at the Library of Congress was distinguished by many excellent ratings and in 1977 he received an outstanding rating. He served mainly as a reviewer of others' work; one supervisor commented "Because of the quantity of work Mr. Oxtoby reviews and because of the number of catalogers who turn to him for advice, he is in a position to have a marked influence on the training and development of the section's catalogers." He will be remembered by Library of Congress staff members, however, as the descriptive cataloger who was not afraid of microforms. He gradually assumed exclusive responsibility for cataloging these materials in English at a time when other English-language catalogers were largely unfamiliar with them.

—Ben R. Tucker

Eugenie Bibawi Retires

The staff of the Cairo office honored Eugenie Bibawi on the eve of her retirement on November 21, 1985. At a sumptuous, home-cooked lunch, the staff presented Ms. Bibawi with a gold cartouche having the letters of LOC in high relief. Albert Amin, head, Serials Section, designed the cartouche. Ms. Bibawi worked as a librarian for the U.S. Information Service from 1956 to 1969 and as a cataloger for the Library of Congress from 1969 to 1985. Her farewell was not entirely final, however, because Ms. Bibawi promised to return to the office twice a week as a volunteer. In the picture above, Dr. Hagrassy (left), bibliographic consultant, and George Courogenis, head, Bibliographic Division, look on as Ms. Bibawi thanks the entire staff for the gift and party.

Anna Smislova Earns 30-Year Federal Service Medallion

Anna Smislova, subject cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division, was presented a medallion for 30 years of service at the Library of Congress on November 26, 1985. Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin and Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh presented the award at the Incentive Awards Ceremony.

Born in Istanbul, Turkey, the daughter of Russian emigrés, Mrs. Smislova graduated from Robert College in Istanbul. After her marriage to the late Alexis Smislov, an international structural engineering consultant, she and her husband immigrated to the United States in 1949, settling in Pennslyvania. She then graduated from Cedar Crest College with a B.A. degree in education, and subsequently received master's degrees from Lehigh University in history, and from Middlebury College in French.

Mrs. Smislova came to the Library of Congress in 1955 as a preliminary cataloger in the Descriptive Cataloging Division and soon became a descriptive cataloger of Turkish and French materials. In December 1964 she transferred to the Subject Cataloging Division as a cataloger specializing in education. She assumed cataloging duties in Slavic and art materials as well as in Turkish history and literature, a task she continues to perform today. Later she concentrated her efforts almost exclusively in the cataloging of art materials and has been involved in major changes in the art classification schedule and in the development of the body of art subject headings.

Active in ARLIS/NA (Art Libraries Society of North America), she has been a valuable link to outside libraries, frequently being called upon to field questions at ARLIS meetings. A native speaker of Turkish and Russian, Mrs. Smislova brings a diverse linguistic and educational background to her work.

In her off-duty hours, she has been very active in Zonta International and in Parents Without Partners. Mrs. Smislova has one son, Alexis Smislov, Jr., an architect practicing in the District of Columbia.

Lula Gwendolyn McMurray Earns 20-Year Federal Service Award

Lula Gwendolyn McMurray, catalog filer in the Catalog Management and Publication Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on January 17, by Gloria Hsia, chief of the division. Mrs. McMurray's entire Federal career has been with the Library of Congress.

Mrs. McMurray joined the Library in 1966 as an arranger in the Card Division, and was later promoted to the position of catalog maintenance assistant in that division. In 1974, she transferred to the Catalog Management Division as a card filer.

A native of Virginia, Mrs. McMurray is a graduate of Spingarn High School in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the Library, she attended Johnson Business School and Howard University.

Married and the mother of two sons, Mrs. McMurray is active in a number of school organizations and serves on the executive board of the Concord Elementary School PTA in Capitol Heights, Md.

Staff Carpool Locator

Established carpool from West Springfield, Va., (Orange Hunt Estates area), Old Keene Mill Rd., seeks

new member to share driving. On flexitime schedule, approximately 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Nikki Adams, ext. 75263.

Betty Harris, African and Middle Eastern Division, ext. 77937, is seeking two additional riders to join a carpool from the Northeast/Northwest areas of Washington, D.C. She is currently on a flexitime schedule from approximately 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Daphne Hawkins, Copyright Cataloging Division, ext. 78080, is seeking an additional rider for an existing carpool from the north Arlington/Falls Church area. The carpool leaves from I-66 at N. Sycamore St. near Washington Blvd. Current members work a flexitime schedule of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and park in the Madison garage.

Existing carpool from Columbia, Md., seeks rider or driver. Leaves 6 a.m. from Park & Ride at Showden River Pkwy. & Rt. 32. Compflex schedule. Call Bruce Johnson, ext. 71308, for more information.

Rita Sun, Descriptive Cataloging Division, ext. 76720, would like to join a carpool from Shady Grove Station, Rockville, Md. She is on a flexitime schedule.

ARA *Services lowers coffee prices for the month of March*

20% off

Library Issues Classification Tables For French Law Materials

The Library's Cataloging Distribution Service announces the availability of *Classification Schedule K, Subclass KJV-KJW, Law of France,* which lists Library of Congress subject classification numbers for French law materials.

Classification Schedule KJV-KJW, was created in the Subject Cataloging Division by Jolande Goldberg, specialist in law classification, based on a preliminary draft by Jan Wawrzkow, former assistant specialist in law classification.

Because of the decision to create future tables that can be applied to several countries, this schedule is the final one to be developed at the Library of Congress focusing on a single country.

The classification numbers from this schedule have been applied to new works classified at the Library of Congress since May 1985. No plans to reclassify older materials exist at this time.

Final editing was prepared by Larry Buzard, editor of classification schedules, who also prepared the index.

Classification Schedule K, Subclass KJV-KJW, Law of France, priced at $13 per copy, is available from the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541.

CDS Publications

The following publications are now available from the Library of Congress, Cataloging Distribution Service, Washington, DC 20541.

Library of Congress Subject Headings Weekly Lists 48-51, 1985. Annual subscription for 1985 is $85.

MARC Formats for Bibliographic Data—Update No. 12. 1985. $15.

National Level Bibliographic Record—Music Update No. 4. 1985. $20.

National Union Catalog. Books. November 1985. Annual subscription for 1985 is $350 (domestic) and $375 (foreign).

National Union Catalog. Register of Additional Locations. September 1985. Annual subscription for 1985 is $175 (domestic) and $180 (foreign).

National Union Catalog. US Books. November 1985. Annual subscription for 1985 is $245 (domestic) and $260 (foreign).

Library Publishes Bibliography of Recorded and Braille Fiction

The Library has recently published *Short Novels* (ISBN 0-8444-0501-9; 205 p.), a selected bibliography of recorded and braille fiction listing books comprised of only one cassette, no more than two disks, or no more than two braille volumes. It can be obtained free from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542. It is also available in braille and on flexible disk.

Institute in Archives Administration Is Held at the Library

Participants in the 56th Institute in Modern Archives Administration, held in Washington, D.C., spent a full day, on January 15, at the Library of Congress in a program organized by the Manuscript Division.

Manuscript Division staff members who addressed the gathering were: David Wigdor, assistant chief, who welcomed the group and spoke on "History and Background of the Division, Acquisitions Policies and Procedures"; John D. Knowlton, head, Preparation Section, on "Organization, Description, and Preservation of Manuscript Collections"; Steven L. Hensen, senior manuscript cataloger, on the division's "Cataloging and Use of Automatic Data Processing Programs for Manuscripts"; and Paul I. Chestnut, head, Reference and Reader Service Section, on "Reference Services in the Manuscript Division." Harriet Ostroff, editor, *The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections,* and head of the Manuscript Section, Special Materials Cataloging Division, spoke on the work of that section. An exhibit of representative items from the Manuscript Division's collections was prepared by John J. McDonough. The day concluded with tours of the division led by Joseph Sullivan, Mary M. Wolfskill, and Mr. Hensen.

The Institute is administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARD) in cooperation with the Library of Congress. Some 30 archivists and curators participated in the 56th Institute, which was directed by Linda Henry of NARA.

National Library of Canada Publishes New Edition of Subject Headings

The National Library of Canada announces publication of the second edition of *Canadian Subject Headings (CSH2).* The work is based on *Library of Congress*

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Subject Headings *(Continued from p. 73)*
Subject Headings but is designed to emphasize Canadian topics, especially in the fields of Canadian geography, history, politics and literature, constitutional matters, the two official languages, Canadian native peoples, and the Canadian ethnic mosaic.

A full description of *CSH2* appears in the October 1985 issue of the *National Library News*. Orders should be placed with the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0S9, requesting catalogue No. SN3-103/1985, ISBN 0-660-11786-X, and accompanied by a check for $22.20 (Canadian) made out to the Receiver General for Canada.

American Folklife Center Presents Program on Deaf Folklore and Culture

The American Folklife Center will present "To Hear a Hand," a program on Thursday, March 20, which explores the folklore and culture of the deaf. The program will take place from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Whittall Pavilion of the Thomas Jefferson Building, Library of Congress.

Simon J. Carmel, a deaf anthropologist, will introduce samples of deaf culture found within America's deaf community. He will also describe deaf jokes, typical personal-experience narratives, legends, and "signlore" or sign play, including stories and traditional forms of play which use the manual alphabet and numbers, riddles, and deaf cartoons.

Rosalee Connor of the Decimal Classification Division will make opening and closing remarks and Michael White of the Descriptive Cataloging Division will present several short skits and imitations.

The event, presented with the assistance of the Staff Relations Office, Handicapped Program, will focus on the values, attitudes, and activities of the deaf to underscore their contribution to our cultural life. Interpreters will be provided for deaf and hearing persons.

Manufacturing Clause in Copyright Law Is Upheld as Constitutional

U.S. District Court Judge G. Goettel said that the clause in the copyright law that forces most book publishers to have their books printed in the United States or Canada is constitutional, in a case handed down October 8 in the southern district of New York. The clause is "protectionist," the court said, but Congress has the power to pass such protectionist laws if it chooses.

Irwin Karp, counsel to the Authors League of America, had brought the suit on behalf of the authors and publishers who wish to manufacture their books abroad. Mr. Karp alleged that the manufacturing clause (17 U.S.C. sects. 601-603) was unconstitutional in that it deprived some American authors of copyright protection, discriminated among classes of authors and categories of works, and deprived U.S. publishers of their First Amendment rights.

Before bringing the suit, he had gone to England and had 6,000 copies of a pamphlet printed, then tried to import these copies. When the U.S. Copyright Office refused to issue import statements to him, he sued. The case is entitled *Authors League of America, Inc. and Irwin Karp, v. David L. Ladd, Register of Copyrights, James Baker, Secretary of the Treasury, and William Von Raab, Commissioner of the United States Customs Service.*

The Authors League and Mr. Karp were joined in the case by the Association of American Publishers. Together they sued the Register of Copyrights as the one responsible for administering section 601, the Secretary of the Treasury as one who is required by section 603 to enforce the clause, and the Customs Service which also must enforce the import prohibitions.

The court's finding momentarily quashed Mr. Karp's hopes of importing his pamphlet "Fundamental Requirements of the New Copyright Act." But Mr. Karp, who noted that district courts rarely declare statutes unconstitutional, declared that he hoped for a better outcome on appeal.

The court said that the First Amendment does not preclude the government from imposing conditions on authors who seek copyright protection. "Congress has the power to attach conditions to the copyright it bestows." The court, however, noted that there "appears to be a tension between the First Amendment and the copyright law." But because copyright protects only the expression of an idea, not the idea itself, the conditions that Congress attaches do not run afoul of the First Amendment, the court said.

Society for the History of Discoveries Meets in Washington, D.C.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries was held in Washington, D.C., on November 14-16 under the joint sponsorship of the National Geographic Society and the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress. The conference was organized by vice president and program chairman, John A. Wolter, chief, Geography and Map Division, to coincide with the opening of the exhibit "Magnificent Voyagers: the U.S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842" at the National

Museum of Natural History on November 14.

Following an evening reception and day of papers at the National Geographic Society, the meeting was moved to the Library of Congress where additional papers were delivered, dinner and business meetings held, and the Library's exhibit, "Surveyors of the Pacific"—prepared as a complement to the Smithsonian exhibition—was viewed.

Fifteen papers were presented on such topics as the meaning of the term "discovery"; the knowledge in the Ottoman empire of early geographical discoveries in America; the historical treatment of the explorations sponsored by the U.S. Navy; the 1883–1884 exploration of the Cameroons by the Polish nationalist Rogzinski; Columbus' landfall and "Diario"; the naming of Cape Francis in Florida; the exploration and settlement of Trinidad; and the historical treatment of the nautical sciences.

A number of papers dealt with cartographers and featured map topics. These included Roger Schlesinger's paper on the 16th-century monk and cosmographer Andre Thevet; Bernard Hoffman's discussion of early 16th-century portolan charts and the errors resulting from the use of the magnetic compass; John Hébert's paper on the Spanish surveyor Vicente Sebastian Pintado and his 19th-century cadastral surveys of West Florida; Jackson Boswell's discussion of the maps owned, used, and commissioned by Benjamin Franklin; Charles Burroughs' discussion of 19th-century methods of marine surveying; and Eric Wolf's review of the historical development of cartobibliographies. Several of the papers delivered at the conference will be published in forthcoming issues of the Society's journal, *Terrae Incognitae,* and in other professional journals.

New Officers of the Society, announced at the annual business meeting, include president Dr. John A. Wolter, Library of Congress, and vice-president Dr. Carol Urness, James Ford Bell Library, University of Minnesota. Mrs. Barbara B. McCorkle, Yale University, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The Society will meet jointly with North American members of the Hakluyt Society on October 16–18, 1986, at the John Carter Brown Library, Providence, R.I.

—James A. Flatness

Report from Meetings of Middle East Specialists in New Orleans

The Archives Library Committee of the African Studies Association held its annual meeting in conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association in New Orleans on November 24, 1985. This was the first time for the two groups to hold a joint meeting. The special program featured contributions from two librarians from McGill University. Salwa Ferahian presented an "Analysis of Questions from the Reference Desk of the Islamic Studies Library," and Jan Weryho addressed the question "What is Islamic Literature: A Book Selector's Dilemma." Eliezar Chammou of the University of California, Los Angeles, attempted to answer the question "Near or Middle East, Which is Proper?" Ragai Makar from the University of Utah discussed "Aspects of Arabism and Islamism in Africa."

Patricia Myers-Hayer (left), Descriptive Cataloging Division, and Julian Witherell at the Library's booth.

The previous day, at its business session, the Middle East Librarians Association (MELA) discussed at length the report by John Eilts of the University of Michigan on the formation of a Middle East Microfilm Project. Bylaws for the project were adopted by the members. In other business, Rodney G. Sarle, chief, Overseas Operations Division, reported on the activities of the Cairo office, and Julian Witherell, chief of the African and Middle Eastern Division, gave a progress report on the Near East National Union List and a preview of the bibliographic publications being prepared in the division. James Pollock of Indiana University read his moving testimonial to the late Frances Morton, a senior descriptive cataloger in the Descriptive Cataloging Division of the Library of Congress. MELA's final order of business was the selection of a new vice-president/president-elect. David Partington of the Middle East Collection of the Harvard College Library was elected.

The Library of Congress booth at the joint book exhibit of the Middle East Studies Association and the African Studies Association attracted a good deal of interest and stimulated numerous requests for specialized bibliographies.

—Michael W. Albin

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, March 11

☐ "Prehistoric Art of the Old Sahara: The Rock Paintings of Tassili, Algeria," LaVerle Berry, Federal Research Division. Special Interest Group on Foreign Area Studies (Africa). LC Professional Association. Room 642, 11:30 a.m. **For members and staff.**

Friday, March 14

☐ "Halley's Comet," exhibition opens on the sixth floor of the Madison Building.

Tuesday, March 18

☐ "The Lithuanian Press in the United States," Daiva Barzdukas, Subject Cataloging Division. Special Interest Group on Ethnic Resources. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Wednesday, March 19

☐ "Microwave Cookery." LC Cooking Club. Room LM 621, 12 noon. **For members.**

Thursday, March 20

☐ "Online Access," two-day seminar sponsored by FLICC. For registration information, call (202) 289-7448.

Friday, March 21

☐ Vienna String Sextet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

☐ "Music From Marlboro." Coolidge Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

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Programs are the Children's Literature Center, the Publishing Office, the Information Office, the Educational Liaison Office, the Exhibits Office, and the Center for the Book.

Ruth Ann Stewart has been associated with the New York Public Library since 1970. In her present position, which she has held since 1980, she has been responsible for a variety of activities, including the publications program and a cooperative resource sharing program utilizing local, state, and national reference and interlibrary loan networks. She serves on the management team that advises the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Library on the overall operation of the Research Libraries.

From 1970 to 1980, she was Assistant Chief of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library, where she managed the daily operations of that preeminent collection of Afro-American, African, and Caribbean materials. She was responsible for a range of administrative tasks, including budget, collections development, reference services, long-range planning, public relations, and legislative action.

A native of Chicago, Ill., she attended the University of Chicago and received a bachelor of arts degree from Wheaton College, Norton, Mass. She earned a master's degree in library science from Columbia University and has pursued advanced training at the Harvard University Management Development Program.

She is the author of *Portia: The Life of Portia Washington Pittman, the Daughter of Booker T. Washington* (Doubleday, 1977) and numerous professional articles, reviews, and catalogs. She has served on many boards for a variety of educational, cultural, and governmental institutions, including the National Park Foundation and Wheaton College. She holds memberships in the American Library Association, the Society of Scholarly Publishing, the International Group of Publishing Libraries, and the Council on Foreign Relations. She is also a member of the Visiting Library Committees at both Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Besides her experience with the New York Public Library, Ruth Ann Stewart worked as a product manager, the Macmillan Co., and as head librarian, Biological Sciences Library, Columbia University. She began her library career as an assistant cataloger at the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

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